

The Blauvelt House  
Old Hood Road  
Emerson, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Owner: Hackensack Water Company

Date of Erection: Kitchen wing before 1800; main  
house about 1815

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - red sandstone  
first floor, gables siding

Interior walls - plaster; some  
partitions are hand-hewn planks

Inside brick chimneys

Floors - random width 2" boards

Roof - gambrel with dormers,  
wood shingles, pitch on wing

Slave House - stone and siding  
Inside chimneys  
One story  
Roof - pitch, shingles

Historical Data:

There is very little definite information to  
be had about this house. It is not known who acquired

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the land or when; at present the house is unoccupied.

The first record of the property is a deed given by Jacob I. Blauvelt to William Melich in 1861. The property has changed fourteen times since that time.

Judging by the evidence, the original owner built the kitchen wing first and the main house was added later. The builder was apparently a prosperous man; the house is large and commodious. The wood mantels have been rebuilt into the Hackensack Water Company building in Weehawken to ornament the finer offices. The second story does not show as much evidence of luxury as does the first.

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